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HOUSE MEMORIAL 2

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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A MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO ACTIVELY WORK FOR PEACE,
SEEK NONVIOLENT ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE FOR CONFLICT
RESOLUTION AND PROMOTE PEACEFUL AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT.**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico is located on an international border
and is a state with a diverse, multicultural population; and**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico is home to world leaders in science
and technology and is the birthplace of the atomic bomb as a
weapon of mass destruction; and**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico's economy disproportionately depends
upon the military industrial complex and preparation for war;
and**

**WHEREAS, conflict resolution dependent upon violence leads
to desperate human conditions such as poverty, hopelessness and**

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1 indignity, which in turn lead to violent acts such as
2 terrorism; and

3 WHEREAS, meeting violence with violence only produces more
4 violence;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico seek
7 nonviolent solutions to the problems created by violence so
8 that the vicious cycle of violence can be broken on the local,
9 national and international levels; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico support economic
11 alternatives that will transition the state economy from one
12 that is disproportionately dependent on war to one that is
13 sustainable, life-affirming and based on peaceful pursuits; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico support and provide
15 incentives for continued and increased participation of the
16 national laboratories located in New Mexico and state
17 institutions of higher education in the research, development
18 and dissemination of life-affirming and peaceful pursuits,
19 including technology sharing, solar and wind energy
20 technologies, environmental restoration and other such peaceful
21 pursuits and related research, thereby enabling a decreased
22 participation in and dependence on the business of war and
23 weapons of mass destruction; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the governor, the state institutions of higher

1 education and the national laboratories located in New Mexico.

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